

Technology Perspective PowerPoint Transcript

Just like the end of a rainbow, you never really find the end of technology. It's said that microcomputers only last five to seven years. Technology will never stop changing.

In 2007 our district was still using 2003 servers and windows based software from that same time period. Our technology equipment listing included televisions and PDA's. Classroom integration had video imaging devices and computers that had word processing software as options for technology.

Software that was listed as available included things like virus protection and grading software, business office software and online vender options for tutorials.

Our school district was on the right path. It did have things listed such as additional staffing, software upgrades, there was a mention of open source software being considered, and the need for digital equipment reflected the report. However, we were still behind.

Even though it is not reflected in our latest report, our district did make great we did make headway. When we planned for our new high school campus, we have all new computers on all of the campuses and have made revisions to our software needs. The software is all up to date and students are actually getting the opportunity to use some to the new technologies that are available.

We must set our goals high because we will never keep up with technology. We need to have measurable events and ways to monitor that we are making some progress. Just because you achieve goals doesn't mean you can stop pushing.

Recommendations include things like trying out the open source software and freeware options that are available. These cost the campus nothing. And, with the equipment we have, we should have no issues running the software.

We need to move toward the clouds. The new wave of the future will be storing everything online where it can be accessed from anywhere. Students will never choose to carry something with them when they can access it on the Internet. We need to use technology methods for everyday uses such as our technology plan. It should be set up on a wiki where everyone can get to it to make comments. We need to require staff to use at least one new technology tool even every quarter at a minimum. We need to enforce that by including administration staff to either have a wiki or a tweet., something that requires them to interact on a daily basis.

And lastly, we need to empower our teachers to work in groups. And we need to support them by giving them the time to do so.

Another area we must consider is how to keep up with current trends in technology. We need to start a social network and share the information with other teachers. We should review the Horizons report annually in staff meetings. And we need to clarify our goals and decide how we will measure our progress.